GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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INVESTMENT FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT IN NER
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether creation of a business-friendly environment in the North-Eastern Region (NER) to improve investments and job oppo- rtunities is a priority of the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the initiatives undertaken by the Government to achieve the said objectives;

(c) whether the Government has held any consultation with the business community in this regard and if so, the details of outcomes thereof;

(d) whether the Government has held any discussion with foreign countries, including Japan and Canada to explore joint ventures in the NER; and

(e) if so, the details of areas of cooperation discussed in this regard?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge)of the Ministry of Development ofNorth Eastern Region (Dr.Jitendra Singh)

(a) to (e) Large Plan investments and focus on infrastructure development in the North Eastern Region (NER) has helped growth in the region during the last plan period. Government's priority for time bound completion of critical projects relating to road, rail, inland water transport, power, airports and air connecti- vity, telecom connectivity, etc. is now yielding results. Ini- tiatives have also been taken for promoting linkages with other parts of the country and for close bilateral relations with the neighbouring countries and other South East Asian countries in pursuance of the 'Act East Policy`. These initiatives to trigger large scale economic activities have created an atmosphere for investment by private entrepreneurs from domestic and foreign countries as reflected in the various business summits, workshops and seminars organised by the M/o DoNER and other organisations by their participation.

Government also has held consultations with the international funding agencies, including from Japan and Canada for partici- pation in the developmental and economic activities in the NER.